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DPI awards \$1.1M to schools to help raise awareness, reduce student use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco

Funding part of two grant programs aimed at supporting projects around Wisconsin

MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction announced today grants totaling over \$1.1 million have been awarded to help reduce or prevent the use of alcohol, tobacco, opioids, and other drugs among students.

The two competitive grants, the state-funded Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Grant Program and the Opioid Prevention Grant Program, were provided to public school districts, private schools, and consortia in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Through the AODA Grant Program, \$907,978 was awarded to 46 projects serving students in 63 school districts, including four consortia. Funding through the program aims to help schools teach skills and provide essential content knowledge aimed at preventing the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use. Grant funding through the program is eligible to be renewed through the 2024-25 school year. Through the Opioid Prevention Grant Program, \$250,000 in funding was allocated to 23 school districts and private schools to support new or existing substance use prevention programs that are supplemented with knowledge and skills specific to opioid prevention.

Visit the DPI's website for more information on [the AODA Grant Program](#) and [the Opioid Prevention Grant Program](#).

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NOTE: A list of those receiving grant funding is available upon request. This news release is available online on the [Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's website](#).